

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: b9299efc-0545-41f9-90a2-1066898abe9d

Other known title(s): Exhibit B-5; Girl Dies

OFLC ref: 1900598.009

Medium: Video File

Creator: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Unrestricted.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 February 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 February 2020

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	b9299efc-0545-41f9-90a2-1066898abe9d	0:55
Total running time:		0:55

Summary of reasons for decision:

'b9299efc-0545-41f9-90a2-1066898abe9d' is a video that depicts a prank involving an intruder in a woman's home which concludes with a warning against pranking. The terrified woman runs outside and is promptly hit by a car. The woman is then shown lying on the road with no injury or blood. The presence of a watermark makes the video easy to research online where there is extensive information that identifies it as a well-made hoax. This revelation mitigates any initial impact on the viewer. The video deals with horror, cruelty and violence but not in a way that is likely to be injurious to the public good. Whilst the initial impression of the video may well be startling, it is unlikely to cause serious or long-term harm to younger viewers given the brevity of the video and the absence of any visible injury. Therefore a restriction on the availability of the video is not warranted.

This classification is consistent with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.